Funds for Development of Telangana

2086. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:
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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any requests have been received to release funds for development of Telangana region in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh submitted a three year (1996-97 to 1998-99) Action Plan for strengthening of police force and the socio-economic development of the Naxalite-affected tribal areas with a proposed outlay of Rs. 1299.17 crore. Subsequently, a group of Hon'ble Members of Parliament from the State also submitted a request on 9th August, 2000 for providing special funds, as a separate package to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, to improve the backward, hilly and extremists-affected areas of Telangana.

The proposals were examined, keeping in view similar problems, being experienced in the States of Orissa, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh and it was viewed that for the socio-economic development of this region, the State Government have to dovetail the proposed programmes with the existing development programmes in the Naxalite-affected areas and approach the concerned Central Ministries' for assistance under their respective Central Schemes.

Planning Commission approves Development plan for the State, as a whole and not, as broken down amongst its regions. The preparation of development projects and their dovetailing with the existing development programmes, for a particular region, is prerogative of the State Government.